

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-8 are currently pending. Claims 1 and 8 are hereby amended. No new matter has been introduced. Support for this amendment is provided throughout the Specification as originally filed. Changes to claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1-8 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,519,655 (Pitot et al.) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,469,434 (Kurdzo et al.). It is respectfully submitted that claim 1, as amended, patentably distinguishes over the relied upon portions of the cited references for at least the following reasons.

Claim 1 as amended recites a signal processing apparatus that can switch a process to be executed in accordance with the type of time-divisional multiplexed data applied to the process. This is accomplished by use of plural memory areas to classify different types of data and apply certain functional operations. For example, noise reduction and luminance adjusting can be applied to each type of data read from one of the plural memory areas at certain specified times.

It is believed that the relied upon portions of Pitot and Kurdzo do not teach or suggest such features as recited in amended claim 1. Accordingly, for at least the foregoing reasons, it is

submitted that claim 1 of the instant application patentably distinguishes over the relied upon portions of the cited reference and is allowable. Claims 2-8 which depend from independent claim 1 are therefore be allowable therewith.

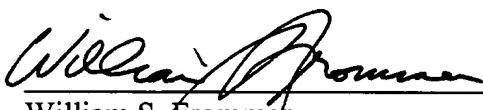
Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of statements appearing above with respect to the disclosures in the cited reference, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portions of the reference providing the basis for a contrary view.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

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